

Lamprey WMPAAC Annual Report November 2006

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Lamprey River Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee

In compliance with Laws of 2002, Chapter 278, the Lamprey River Water Management Area Advisory Committee is pleased to submit this annual report of the committee's findings and activities for 2006. This law defines the two committees for each river under the pilot program to advise the Instream Flow process—the Technical Review Committee (TRC) and the Water Management Area Advisory Committee (WMPAAC). According to Chapter 278, "Each Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee shall make an interim report regarding its progress and findings on or before November 1 of each year of their existence to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services, and the State Library."

NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) maintains a website for the Lamprey WMPAAC at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream/lamprey.asp?link=meetings&meet=wmpa>. The website contains the minutes, agendas, and copies of all presentations and documents distributed at the WMPAAC meetings. UNH has a Lamprey Instream Flow Project website at <http://www.unh.edu/erg/lamprey/>.

The Lamprey River Instream Flow Pilot Program began July 2005. The Lamprey WMPAAC met several times in 2005, but only once in 2006. Their primary responsibility early in the pilot program was accomplished, namely to develop and review the list of protected entities existing on the Lamprey River. They will keep up to date on the results of technical issues largely via the Technical Review Committee meetings until they are more directly involved in the Water Management Plan (WMP) process next year. During the WMP process they will evaluate the appropriateness for affected parties of the proposed alternatives for meeting the protected flows.

The WMPAAC met October 20, 2006 specifically to get an update on the status of the technical work being done for the Protected Instream Flow Study. The field work over the past summer collected data for the flow needs assessments using methods identified in the draft Task 4 report. The Task 4 report documents the protected entities and those flow assessment methods that will be used to determine the protected flows for the Lamprey. The final version of the Task 4 report was presented at this meeting. The results of the field investigations were described in detail.

The WMPAAC was also reminded at this meeting of their role during the upcoming Water Management Plan development when they will evaluate the components of the plan for each Affected Dam Owner and Affected Water User. Each Affected Dam Owner and Affected Water User will have a plan tailored to their situation. Normandeau presented the contractor's process for choosing management alternatives based on interview with the Affected Dam Owners and Affected Water Users. The consultants will be using a method for evaluating the plan components called Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) to determine the plan components that are most effective

and most amenable to the Affected Dam Owners and Affected Water Users. The MCDA method and results of the first round of interviews were described for the committee. The committee will review the selected alternatives in the draft Water Management Plan to ensure all the affected parties have appropriate levels of effort in meeting the protected flows.

Committee Changes

Bob Levesque representing Affected Dam Owners left his position as Town Engineer in Durham January 13, 2006 and resigned from the committee. Dave Cedarholm replaced him at this position and is acting unofficially as the ADO member on the committee. Jay O'Dell representing conservation interests in the WMPA moved away 9/18/2006 and resigned from the committee. He has not yet been replaced.

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